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ADDIS FOR CALDWELL; DEPT PASS AID/W, LABOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, SU, US

SUBJECT: AALC VISIT

REF: STATE 058010

1. AFRO AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) OFFICIALS JERRY FUNK AND RONALD CICCONE VISITED SUDAN APRIL 29-MAY 4 AT INVITATION OF SUDAN WORKERS TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SWTUF). PURPOSE WAS TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TIES AND TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC FORMS OF AALC ASSISTANCE TO SWTUF. TEAM WAS WARMLY RECEIVED; PROGRAM WAS EXTENSIVE, INCLUDING TRIP TO GEZIRA; CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN VISIT (INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGMENTS DELEGATION'S PRESENCE BY TWO SPEAKERS AT SWTUF MAY DAY CELEBRATION); AND APPOINTMENTS INCLUDED SUCH LUMINARIES AS SSU DEPUTY SEC GEN ABUL GASSIM MOHAMMED IBRAHIMU AND PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER RASHID AL-TAHIR. SWTUF WAS NOT MODEST IN REQUESTS FOR AID, AND AALC TEAM, ALTHOUGH POSITIVELY INCLINED TOWARD SUDAN, WAS FORCED TO COOL HOST'S ARDOR BY EXPLAINING FISCAL AND OTHER BARRIERS TO BIG PROGRAM. AALC DID INDICATE THAT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF AALC BOARD, IT WOULD PROCEED BY MID-SUMMER WITH DONATION OF MAXIMUM \$40,000 IN VEHICLES AND MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS.

2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION OBVIOUS INTEREST IN PARLAYING VISIT INTO MAJOR AALC FINANCIAL HELP, GOS ATTENTION FAR BEYOND INTRINSIC VALUE OF VISIT SUGGESTS A DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (AND SUDANESE DISSIDENTS) SUDANESE IN-

DEPENDENCE IN TRADE UNION MATTERS, AS WELL AS TO REMIND U.S.  
OF SUDANESE EAGERNESS FOR COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR EX-  
PLAINED TO AALC TEAM EARLY IN VISIT SENSITIVE POLICY ISSUES  
IN US-SUDANESE RELATIONS, AND WE HAVE REASON BELIEVE VISITORS  
HANDLED SITUATION WELL. AALC COMMENTS HAVE CONFIRMED EMBASSY'S  
IMPRESSION THAT SWTUF IS HIGHLY POLITICIZED BODY UNDER FIRM  
CONTROL OF GOS BUT THAT IT MAY NONETHELESS PLAY USEFUL ROLE  
IN IMPROVING LABOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY.  
AALC REPS INDICATED AMBASSADOR'S FORMAL CONCURRENCE TO MODEST PROGRAM  
REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 WOULD BE REQUESTED AFTER AALC BOARD  
ACTION.  
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